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LB 90, 122, 237, 237A, 525, 783, 807
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1049A

my notes, there have been 36 amendments and motions to LB 835. Some have passed. Some have failed. I am not really quite sure what is in this bill and I would conclude that it would be safe to say that there aren't many of the 49 of us that are sure what is in this bill. We find that the Attorney General questions its constitutionality. The Public Service Commission says it is going to require more staff if LB 835 passes, and in spite of all these efforts, many questions remain, many questions remain unanswered, and the most important question is what will be the best thing for the Nebraska citizens that we represent. So I ask myself and I ask you, why must we adopt this legislation now? And the answer is, we don't. I would suggest that you support the motion to strike the enacting clause and I would also suggest that the proponents of this legislation work out the problems, work with the Public Service Commission instead of against it, and then bring a bill worthy of consideration to this Legislature next year. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator. The Chair would interrupt debate just briefly to announce I propose to sign...while the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, and I propose to sign and do sign the following engrossed bills: 1027, 1027A, 122, 525, 1049, 1049A, 90, 807, 885, 890, 237, 237A, 783, and 833. The Chair recognizes Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, I had some arguments which I had prepared and which I will deliver if the time allows me but I would just like to ask all of you briefly to forget about all of the conversation you have had in the past two or three weeks with the various lobbyists, the various proponents of whatever form of LB 835 you had before you at that time, whether or not some of the 30 some amendments have been adopted or not, and reflect a little bit upon what was said by Senator McFarland. Senator McFarland, the newest member of this Legislature, the youngest...one of the younger members, an attorney, has done the unthinkable. He has done something which has been very rarely done in this body. He has done something which I doubt has not been done by more than four or five members of this body. He has read the bill. He has read the bill in its amended form. He has read it and he has found some very serious flaws. Now Senator DeCamp has made some comments relative to the comments made by Senator McFarland. I would just like to say, and I am not the attorney that either of them are, therefore, I am not qualified to try to tear into either set of arguments, but I would just suggest, I would just suggest